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Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Children across the school have been working extremely hard in class this week as Teachers have been assessing them on their learning ahead of our Parent Consultation meetings next week. **Please remember that if you have not booked an appointment with your child's Class Teacher, booking is still open until 4:30pm today.** We look forward to seeing you in school on Tuesday or Wednesday after school for these meetings. Please enter and exit the school building via the main office.

It has also been a busy week for visitors to Merebrook! On Monday afternoon, **we welcomed Miss Whiteman, Head of School from The Hazeley Academy into school for our assembly, and she brought Luna, Hazeley's therapy dog in training with her**! Children really enjoyed meeting Luna and learning about her role. We can't wait to have her back at Merebrook once she graduates!

Children have fully embraced our 'Book Week' this week and on Tuesday afternoon, **we welcomed some very excited Year 6 children from Emerson Valley School to Merebrook to read with our Key Stage 1 children**. It was great to see children of different ages coming together to share stories and strengthen the links within our school communities.

There was also a real excitement in school yesterday as children enjoyed dressing up in animal themed fancy dress in celebration of the animal-themed stories of the wonderful author and illustrator Catherine Rayner to mark **World Book Day 2026**. The whole school were also treated to a special assembly led by Ms Seagar, Director of Primary for the 5 Dimensions Trust.

As always, please have a look at our **school Facebook Page** for some fabulous photographs of all of these exciting events.

Have an enjoyable weekend,

Mrs White
Executive Headteacher

Birthday treats



Please note that we will **no longer give out sweets, cakes, party bags or any other items for children's birthdays at Merebrook or Emerson Valley.** The risk with allergies is too high and we are unable to easily insure inclusivity with this. However, we know that many families like to celebrate their child's birthday with school and we are therefore creating an **Amazon 'wish list' which will be shared with you in next week's newsletter.** The list will share books and other items that can be purchased to mark the occasion and benefit your child and all of their class. If you purchase an item, we will ensure that it is presented to your child's class and marked with a note to celebrate their birthday. Thank you for your support in ensuring that everyone is safe and included in our school community.

Golden Book

Wagtails: Ashton and Shahjahan

Woodpeckers: Autumn and Poppy

Robins: Elisabeta and Eleanor

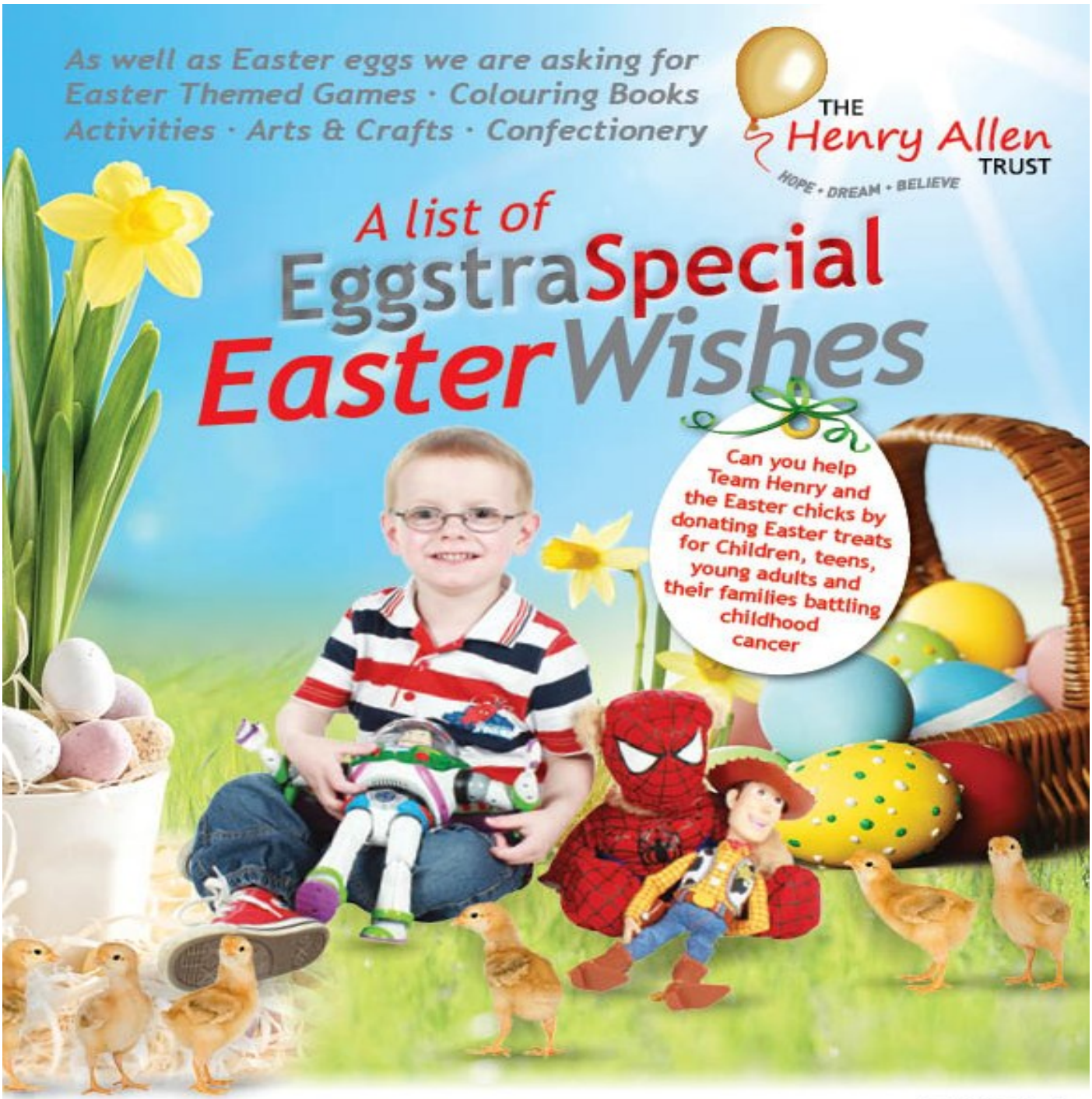
Kestrels: Lydia and Farah

Starlings: Mila and Oli

Finches: Alex and Evelyn



It's back! **Henry's Annual Easter Egg Appeal is now in its 12th year**. Please help Team Henry continue to spread some 'Henrys Happiness' this Easter time to Children and Families Battling Childhood Cancer and who are also finding themselves in hospital over Easter. Can you help us to continue Henry's last wish? Could you kindly donate a Cadbury's Creme Egg, Easter Egg, Easter Confectionery, Brand New Easter Bunny Cuddly Toys, Easter Games or Easter Arts and Crafts for our hospital toy packs. During April Team Henry will be collecting and will have many drop-off points. Donations can also be purchased using our Amazon Wish List Team Henry will HOP along and put some smiles on faces and create some magical memories with your generous donations.



Spring Term dates

These dates are for both Merebrook and Emerson Valley unless otherwise indicated. NEW EVENTS IN RED.

10th and 11th March 2026	**Parent Consultations from 3:40pm**
11th March 2026	Friends of EVS Mother's Day Shop
13th March 2026	**Bluebells to Campbell Park** **CHoMS Mother's Day shop at Merebrook**
16th March 2026	**Year 6 Residential meeting** for Parents and Carers at 4:45pm
17th March 2026	~~**Robins to Westcroft library**~~ CHANGE OF DATE
18th March 2026	~~**Kestrels to Westcroft library**~~ CHANGE OF DATE
20th March 2026	**Red nose day:** non-uniform day **Year 5 pizza party and sleepover** from 5:30pm
24th March 2026	**Robins to Westcroft library**
25th March 2026	**Kestrels to Westcroft library** **Year 5 performance to parents** 2:30pm
27th March 2026	**Rocksteady concert to parents** 2pm
13th June 2026	**EVS Summer Fair** from 11-1pm. All invited!